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BAN ON FILMS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to impose ban on the films based on obscenity, violence and indecent representation of women;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to discourage the production of such films?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a), (b) and (c) : The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) certifies films in accordance with the guidelines under the Cinematograph Act, 1952. The Examining Committee/ Revising Committee which previews the films for certification consists of 50% women members. The following guidelines are relevant :

- 2(vii) "Human sensibilities are not offended by vulgarity, obscenity or depravity."

- 2(viii) "Dual meaning words which cater to basic instincts are not allowed."

- 2(ix) "Scenes degrading or denigrating women in any manner are not presented."

- 2(x) "Scenes involving sexual violence against women like attempt to rape, rape or any form of molestation or scenes of a similar nature are avoided and if any such incident is germane to the theme, they shall be reduced to the minimum and no details are shown."

- 2(xi) "Scenes showing sexual perversion shall be avoided and if such matters are germane to the theme, they shall be reduced to the minimum and no details are shown."

CBFC have informed that these guidelines are being implemented by them.